

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-20 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,655,320.

Applicants do not necessarily agree with this rejection. To expedite prosecution of this matter, however, Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. In addition, Applicants note that this application and U.S. Patent No. 6,655,320 are commonly owned by CTB IP, Inc. A copy of the relevant recorded assignment of U.S. Serial No. 60/267,912 (of which both this application and the '320 patent are continuation applications) is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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